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## NOTES AND NEWS.

THE Crop Improvement Committee, 65 Board of Trade, Chicago, will send any teacher full directions for testing seed corn. The committee is conducting a campaign, urging the schools to undertake the seed testing for the farms, in this way helping to improve our crops. More than 75,000 children helped in this work last year, and the committee hopes to increase this number very greatly this year.

THE Southern Section of the Association of Teachers of Mathematics in the Middle States and Maryland held its first meeting of the year on Saturday, January 26, 1918, at Goucher College, Baltimore. The morning addresses were: "Mathematics as a Preparation for Technical Education," by Henry A. Converse, Polytechnic Institute, Baltimore, and "The Advantages of Mathematics for Girls," by Alice Deal, McKinley Manual Training School, Washington, D. C.

MR. UPTON, of Teachers College, who was to have addressed the afternoon meeting, was unfortunately prevented from attending; but Mr. Wm. E. Breckenridge, of Teachers College, kindly delivered for him the admirable address, illustrated with the stereopticon, on "High School Mathematics as an Aid to the Interpretation of Life about Us." Although the attendance at the meetings was small, the enthusiasm of those present made the animated discussions which followed the addresses peculiarly instructive. Officers of the preceding year were reelected.

THE spring meeting of the Southern Section was held at the Central High School, Washington, on April 28. The morning session was given up to an "Experience Meeting," the speakers being Howard L. Hodgkins, Florence P. Lewis, Miss Lipschutz, Henry A. Converse, Caroline Becker, Cecil A. Ewing, Edna Leola Dixon, George A. Ross, Elizabeth White, Mary Draney, Janet McWilliams, Alice Deal. In the afternoon William H. Wetzels, principal of the high school, Trenton, N. J., spoke on "The Junior High School and its Influence on the

Curriculum in Mathematics." The discussion was opened by Cecil A. Ewing, of Tome School.

THE Johns Hopkins University announces a series of "Studies in Education." "The Correlation of Abilities in High School Pupils," by David E. Weglein, and "Experimental Study of Motor Abilities of Children in Primary Grades," by Buford Jennette Johnson, are already in print.

THE John C. Winston Company, of Philadelphia, announced its entrance into the school-book field. Among its first books will be a series of readers, several books on civics, and a set of grade histories.

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THE regular fall meeting of the Philadelphia section of the Association of Teachers of Mathematics in the Middle States and Maryland was held at the Central High School on Wednesday, November 7, 1917. Dr. Rorer, of the William Penn High School, gave a talk on "General Mathematics for the First

Year High School," and Professor A. H. Wilson, of Haverford College, read a paper on "General Mathematics for College." There followed a very interesting discussion of these papers.

There has been no mid-winter meeting of this section, for it was decided that, owing to war conditions, it would be better to omit the usual banquet.

THE Mathematics Club of the University of North Carolina held an informal smoker on the night of Wednesday, February 6. A paper on "A Method for Finding the Complex Roots of a Cubic Equation" was presented to the club by Mr. J. W. Lasley, Jr., of the department of mathematics. A noteworthy feature of this meeting of the club was the presence of certain of the best men in the freshman class. To interest these men at the outset of their college career and to get into a closer touch with them than the class room affords are among the aims of the organization.

DR. DAVID EUGENE SMITH, of Columbia, addressed the Association of Teachers of Secondary Mathematics of North Carolina in Greensboro, February 1 and 2. A popular lecture on "The Origin of Mathematics," a somewhat more technical one on "Deficiencies in Present Preparatory Mathematics" and a round-table discussion on the topic "A Proper Approach to Elementary Mathematics" were the contributions of Dr. Smith. Papers were presented to the association by Miss Fannie Starr Mitchell, of the Raleigh High School, Mr. J. W. Lasley, Jr., of the University of North Carolina, Miss Virginia Ragsdale, of the Normal College, and Miss Ella Bradley, of the Gastonia High School. The following officers were elected: Mr. W. W. Rankin, Jr., of the University of North Carolina, president; Mr. S. L. Sheep, of the Marion High School, first vice-president; Miss Maria Graham, of the Eastern Carolina Training School, second vice-president; Miss Nita Gressitt, of the Greensboro High School, third vice-president; Mr. J. W. Lasley, Jr., secretary.

## NEW MEMBERS.

- Frederick Albert Lewis, Boys' High School, Frederick, Md.  
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